ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventeenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

PEA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

NEW EBENEZER CHURCH, COFFEE COUNTY, ALA.,

November 4th, 5th and 6th, 1893.

OFFICERS:

J. W. BROOKS, Huggins. Ala., - - - - - - - Moderator.
A. J. WISE, Jr., Victoria, Ala., - - - - - - - - Clerk.
J. H. SMITH, Damascus, Ala., - - - - - - - Treasurer.

Next Session to be held with Bethlehem Church, Victoria, Coffee County, Ala., on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November, 1893.

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MINUTES.

The Pea River Baptist Association met according to a previous adjournment with New Ebenezer church, Coffee county, Ala., on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of November, 1893, in its Seventeenth Annual Session.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by A. J. Brooks, the appointee, from the 16th chap. and 15th verse of Mark.

After one hour for refreshments, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, J. W. Brooks. Singing and prayer by J. W. Bullard. Letters from the several churches were presented and read by D. C. Allen and W. M. Head, and delegates' names enrolled as follows:

White Water—A. S. Head, D. J. Williams.

New Providence—W. J. Spurlin, W. B. Haney.

Level Plains—J. W. Bullard, S. D. Adams, R. Grimes.

Hebron—John Bradley, N. P. Bundy, J. H. Weed.

Sardis—T. R. Roberts, W. H. Roberts, Z. T. Casady.

Piney Grove—J. W. Brooks, A. J. Brazile, A. C. Crews.

Bethany—D. Lindsay, J. J. Thomas, E. D. Donaldson.

Union Grove—J. W. Kennington, Harmon Snellgrove.

New Ebenezer—J. W. Stokes, J. R. Spurlin, E. Frazer.

Shiloh—D. Windsor, J. A. Moore.

Woodland Grove—C. R. Talbot, E. G. Brinson.

Bluff Springs—J. W. Johnson, James Johnson, W. H. Archer.

Zion Chapel—T. J. Brooks, W. H. Heard, W. J. Willis.

Pilgrim Rest—William Hall, F. E. Bedsole.

Mount Pleasant—W. G. Clark, J. D. Hataway.

Bethlehem—A. J. Wise, Jr., W. T. Everett.

Fair View—A. J. Brooks, R. R. Priest, J. H. Smith.

New Home—J. D. Bradley, Ed. Watson.

Damascus—J. D. Parkman, J. A. Wright, W. J. H. Wood.

Mount Pleasant, Coffee county—B. F. Comer, Z. J. Nichols, J. G. Jones.

Proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of J. W. Brooks, Moderator, and A. J. Wise, Jr., Clerk, and J. H. Smith, Treasurer.

Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body.

Called for petitions from churches desiring membership, when a letter was presented from Beulah church by her delegates, E. Scofield, D. T. Wallace, E. M. Wallace. On motion, the letter, together with the delegates, was received and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees to report during the present session of the Association:

On Preaching—W. J. Spurlin, E. Scofield, together with the delegates and deacons of New Ebenezer church.

On Finance—J. D. Parkman, J. G. Jones, J. L. Johnson.

On Documents—J. W. Kennington, William Hall, D. J. Williams.

On Nominations—J. W. Johnson, J. W. Bullard, R. R. Priest.

Called for correspondence, when J. M. Mount, Y. M. Capps, J. W. Young, J. J. Ellis, H. L. Short, W. L. Davis, C. C. Eilands, C. L. Eilands, W. L. Stinson, responded from New Providence Association.

From Salem Association—D. C. Allen, E. M. Brooks.

From Haw Ridge Association—J. A. McGee.

On motion, agreed to correspond with the Graves Association, Fla., and received W. F. Martin as a correspondent.

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows:

To preach Saturday night—J. W. Kennington and J. W. Bullard. On Sabbath, 11 a. m.—D. C. Allen. Two o'clock p. m.—J. W. Brooks, D. Windsor. At 7. p. m.—Charles Eilands. Then called for the report of standing committees, when the Executive Committee made their report as follows:

We, your Executive Committee, offer the following report: We have held no meeting since your last assemblage, as we had no means to employ a Missionary, but as Elder D. C. Allen has occupied the field of labor designated by the Association, we recommend that he be paid the $15.50 now in the hands of the Treasurer, being the amount on hand for Home Missions, and we have given him an order for the same for his services already rendered. Respectfully submitted, M. A. Helms, Ch'n.

On motion, the report on Temperance was to be made 9:30 a. m. Sabbath. On motion, the Association adjourned until Sabbath 9:30 a. m. Singing and prayer by J. W. Kennington.

Sabbath Morning, November 5, 1893.

Called to order by the Moderator. Singing and prayer by A. J. Brooks. Report on Temperance read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, offer the following report: Again we are called upon to report on this very important subject, Temperance, which we think, taken into consideration with this occasion, alludes to the use or abuse of intoxicating liquors. Twelve months ago I was informed that I was one of this committee appointed then to report now, therefore I, from then until now, set about gathering facts and data to base a report upon, as there had for sixteen years been able formal reports made without very much being gained. I decided to get out of the old ruts and go and see of a truth, if possible, the insidious serpent at work. I entered a very georgeous arrayed temple of vice—better known as a drinking saloon—on the walls of which were hung dazzling pictures of female beauties, almost nude, voluptuous, and the average toper standing and gazing with animal passion aroused, with his foul and besotted breath uttering exclamations that are too offensive to

be repeated, which, by the motley and mixed crowd of black and white were scarcely observed; but later a very genteel man in appearance came in, and the vile and vulgar made way at the bar of the rum dealer for their more august and dignified, well dressed friend, patron and customer, who, after taking a quaff of the best, paused, and looking around, essayed to crack a joke with some of his motley friends, and after repeating his tip, left the fashionable saloon, and then a general melee followed over his joke; and after seeing many such come and go, I left the gilded walls of the fashionable saloon. I made inquiry as to our dignified and well dressed customer, and was, to my surprise, informed that he was an honorable man—an aristocratic society leader, and withal a Missionary Baptist—one that led the prayer meetings, and was a liberal supporter of the missionary cause. At other times and other places I made the same visits with about the same results, and by following up their history, I found them church members—have even heard them use the name of God in open profanity. All this has caused me to come to this truthful conclusion: The genteel church member is where we have the trouble: the sot in the gutter has no influence—is too low—even disgusting to the average toper. But Col. A. and Hon. Mr. B., who are the leaders in their churches, is where the trouble lies: and your committee suggest that on the evidence being furnished, a charge must be preferred and the offender dealt with on a public offense, and without a reformation being practiced—not promised—must be expelled, or the church holding such member within this association, such church must be considered in disorder by the Pea River Association. Respectfully submitted, A. J. Wise, Jr., Ch'n.

On motion, adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Monday. Singing and prayer by J. W. Bullard. On Sabbath the ministers preached in the order of their names to large and orderly congregations.

Monday Morning, November 6, 1893.

Called to order, and singing and prayer by J. W. Kennington. Called roll and marked absentees.

On motion, omitted reading the rules of Decorum.

Called for report of standing committees, when the report of Sabbath schools was read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, offer the following as our report. We find only three churches that have Sabbath Schools—New Ebenezer, Bethany and Mount Pleasant, Coffee county.

Respecttully, J. W. Kennington, Ch'n.

Report on Missions read and adopted, and is as follows:

We, your Committee on Missions, offer the following report: As usual, we come with a report, but fail to see what they accomplish. We have tried many and various ways and means, and we now recommend this course: Let us to-day give all that we can in money, and then let us all make a personal pledge to be paid at the next session, and try, by this means, to employ a Missionary a short while in the Pea River Association. Respectfully submitted. A. J. Brooks, Ch'n.

Then the following personal pledges were taken: J. W. Kennington, $2; J. H. Smith, A. J. Brooks, R. R. Priest, $7.50; W. H. Heard, $1; R. Holloway, $1; D. J. Williams, $1; T. J. Brooks, $1; Sister S. R. Brooks, 25cts.; Sister C. E. Brooks, 25cts.; Sister H. Brooks, 25cts.; Sister N. J. Helms, 50cts.; A. J. Wise, Jr., $1; W. L. Everett, $1. These pledges to be paid at the next session of the Association. Then the brethren present paid $3.30 in cash.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, report thus: Death hath entered our midst and has left a dark and gloomy cloud over our hearts. Let our temples of worship be draped in mourning. Let silence reign before the Lord in His Holy Temple while he dispenses bereavements among the children of men. Death hath draped his fatal shaft upon our beloved brother, MIDDLETON BROOKS. He has passed the final beacon to which all mortal men are tending—Death. A newly-made grave now marks the last resting place of all that is mortal of our beloved pastor, friend, brother and father. This sad event occurred on the 23d day of February, 1893. Peace to his ashes.

And another dispensation of Providence, which left sadness of the funeral pall over our hearts—the demise of Brother William Stewart in September, 1890. Also Brother T. J. Moore, June 5th, 1892. Both deacons of Damascus church. We tender our sincere condolence to the bereaved families, feeling that our loss is their eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted, D. J. WILLIAMS.

Report on Nominations read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Nominations, offer the following report: To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session, J. W. Brooks, his alternate, J. W. Bullard, and as an Executive Committee, A. J. Wise, Jr., W. J. Spurlin, M. A. Helms, J. H. Smith, J. W. McCart.

On Missions, J. D. Parkman, J. A. Taylor, A. J. Brooks.

On Sabbath Schools, J. W. Kennington, D. Winsor, J. W. Johnson.

On Temperance, J. W. Bullard, A. J. Wise, Jr., R. R. Priest.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons, A. S. Head, J. H. Heard, J. M. Tally. Respectfully submitted, J. W. JOHNSON.

Report on Documents read and, on motion, was recommitted to the committee, re-read and adopted, and the Query answered in the negative. The following is the report:

We, your Committee on Documents, find three churches have petitioned for the next session of your body to meet with them. We find, by inquiring after the best interest to the Baptists among the three—Hebron, Piney Grove and Bethlehem—that Bethlehem is the most suitable place, and we recommend that the next session of the Association be held there Saturday before the first Sabbath in Novemuer, 1894.

We find some of the churches request the Articles of Faith be printed in these Minutes, which we recommend. We also find the following query: Is it right for our denomination to receive members from any other denomination without Baptizing them? and we ask the Association to answer either in the affirmative or negative. (Was answered in the negative.) Respectfully submitted, J. W. KENNINGTON, Ch'n.

Report of the Finance Committee read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance, offer the following report:

Received for Minutes	$30.35
Sent up by churches for Home Missions	11.90
Sent up by churches for Foreign Missions	3.10
Collection Sabbath for Home Mission	11.30
Collection Monday for Home Mission	3.30

Total amount received by your committee $59.65, all of which has been paid to J. H. Smith, Treasurer, and his receipt taken for same.

J. D. PARKMAN, Ch'n.

Treasurer's report read and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Treasurer offers the following report:

To amount brought over from last Association	$18.50
To amount received of Finance Committee	59.65
Making a total of	78.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid A. J. Wise, Jr., Clerk	$30.35
By amount paid D. C. Allen, Missionary	15.50
By amount paid to collection for indigent ministers	3.00
Total amount paid out	48.35
Leaving a balance in my hands November 6th, 1893, of	29.30

Respectfully,

J. H. SMITH,
Treasurer Pea River Association.

Called for miscellaneous resolutions, when Brother J. D. Parkman offered a resolution to take up a collection to aid the Baptist Orphan Home, which resulted in $6.05 cash, and Sister Emma Whaley is to make one suit for a little girl of eight years old, and Sister Mary Fleming is to make one suit for a little girl of six years old.

A. J. Wise, Jr., offered a resolution to take up a collection for Indigent Ministers, when a motion was made for the Treasurer to pay over the Indigent Ministers Fund on hand of $3 to be added to the collection of $3.90, and then to be equally divided between John Bradley, J. W. Bullard and E. M. Brooks, whereby each received $2.05.

Sister S. N. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

TO THE BRETHREN OF PEA RIVER ASSOCIATION—May I ask that it be recommended that the pastors of the various churches of this Association at once organize a Ladies' Aid Missionary Society in order that we may take a pride in the good mission work. Yours for the cause of Christ,

S. N. TAYLOR.

A. J. Wise, Jr., offered this resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates and ministers composing the Pea River Baptist Association, offer our sincere thanks to the members of the New Ebenezer church, together with the kind citizens in the surrounding vicinity, for their very kind entertainment of us during our stay among them.

The Minutes were then read and adopted.

The Clerk was to have $5 for his services.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Bethlehem church at Victoria, twelve miles northeast of Elba, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November, 1894.

A. J. WISE, JR.,
Clerk.

J. W. BROOKS,
Moderator.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1.—We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. We prove this from St. John, 1st Chapter and 7th verse: For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one; Chapter 1, verse 1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; Chap. 10, verse 30, I and my Father are one; John 17 and 3, And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent; Deut. 5th, 26th, For who is there of all flesh, that have heard the voice of the living god; Isaiah 46, 9 and 10, Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

ART. 2.—We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice: 2d Tim. 3d and 16th, All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. and is profitable for doctrine, &c.; 2d Peter, 1st, 21st, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; Hebrews 1st, 1st and 2d, God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers, by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Rev. 22d, 18th, For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; Mat. 28th, 20th, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

ART. 3.—We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election: Psalms, 33d, 12th, Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance; Eph. 1st, 4th, According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love; 1st Peter, 1st, 2nd. Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, &c.: Romans 9th, 11th, For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God, according to election might stand. not of works, but of him that calleth; Eph. 3d, 11th, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord; Heb. 5th, 9th, And being made perfect he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; 9th Chapter and 12th verse, Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us; John 15th, 16th, Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordain you, &c. Acts 9th, 15th, For he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel; 1st Peter, 2d, 9th, But ye are a chosen generation, &c. Rev. 17th, 14th, And they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful; Rom. 11th, 7th, What then! Isreal hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it. and the rest were blinded.

ART. 4.—We believe in the doctrine of original sin; Rom. 5th, 12th, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all men have sinned; Chap. 5th, 16th, For the judgment was by one to condemnation; verse 18th, Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; Rom. 5th, 19th. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners; Rom. 3d. 23d, For all have sinned. and come short of the glory of God.

ART. 5.—We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability; for we know the law is spiritual, and I am carnal sold under sin; Rom. 8th, 7th, Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8th, So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God; John 6th, 63d, It is the spirit that quickenth; the flesh profiteth nothing; do 6th, 44th, No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; Eph. 2d, 1st, And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; verse 5th, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved.)

ART. 6.—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ: Rom 10th, 4th, For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth; 2d Cor. 5th, 21st, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him; 1st Cor. 1st, 30th, But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness; Phil. 3d, 9th, And he found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith; Isa 54th, 17th, This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord; 61st, 10th, I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with a robe of righteousness: Gal. 2d, 21st, For if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

ART. 7.—We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctfied by the Holy Ghost: 1st Cor. 1st, 2d, To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours; John 10th, 3d, And he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out; Titus 3d, 5th, Not by words of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of generation, and renewing of the Holy Ghost: Heb. 2d, 11th, For both he that sactifieth and they who are sactified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.

ART. 8.—We believe that saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away: John 14th, 19th, Yet a little while and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also; 10th, 27th, My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; 28th, And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; Col. 3d, 3d, For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God, 4th, When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory: Heb. 7th, 24th, But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood: 25th, Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

ART. 9.—We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only fit subjects of these ordinances; we believe that immersion is baptism: Mark 1st, 9th, And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized of John in Jordan; 16th, 16th, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; Acts 22d, 16th, And now why tarriest thou! arise and be baptized; Acts 8th, 37th, And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest: and he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God; 38th, And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him: Rom. 6th, 4th, Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so. &c. Now the Supper: Mat. 26, 27: And as they were eating, Jesus

took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body; 27th, And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28th, for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins; 1st Cor. 5: 11: If any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat; 11: 29: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

ART. 10.—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment: Mat. 28th, 5th, The angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified; 6th, He is not here, for he has risen, as he said, (7th) And go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead. Acts 24th, 15th, There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. Acts 17th, 31st, Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. John 5th, 28th, 29th, Marvel not at this; for the hour is comihg, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

ART. 11.—We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal: Mark 38th, 29th, But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. Mat. 25th, 46th, These shall go away into everlasting punishment. 2d Thes. 1st, 7th, When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from the heaven with his mighty angels, (8th) in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; 9th, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. Psalms 9th, 17, And the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God! Joys of the righteousness. Mat. 25th, 46th, But the righteous into eternal life. 2d Tim. 2d, 10th, Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. Heb. 9th, 15th, They which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. 1st Peter, 5th, 10th, But the God of all grace, who hath called us in his eternal glory, &c. John 17th, 23d, 24th, And in five hundred other places.

ART. 12.—We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinance, only such as are regularly called and come under the hands of a Presbytery: Lev. 8th, 1st, And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him. Heb. 5th, 4th, No man taketh this honor unto himself, but that is called of God, as was Aaron. Tim. 4th, 14th. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Acts 13th: 2d, 3d, The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them; and when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed by prayer.

RULE 2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all the members; he shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

RULE 3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless there is a tie in the Association, then he shall give the casting vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he shall appoint some member to fill the chair.

RULE 4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and keep the subject; and he shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the chair.

RULE 5. No member shall leave the body while on business, except by permission from the chair.

RULE 6. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body by calling for the yeas and nays.

RULE 7. All motions in order shall be disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

RULE 8. A list of names of the delegates shall be called and absentees marked.

RULE 9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, and keep a regular record of all the business of the Association.

RULE 10. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected before the body rise.

RULE 11. This Decorum may be altered, or amended, by two-thirds of this body.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear letters from the churches read.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite ministering brethren to seats.
4. Call for Petitions from churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint Committees to report during session, viz:
   - To Arrange Preaching.
   - On Missions.
   - On Finance.
   - On Documents.
   - On Nominations.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules and Decorum read.
9. Call roll and mark absentees.
10. Hear reports from committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's report.
12. Hear miscellaneous resolutions.
13. Make arrangements for printing Minutes.
14. Correct Minutes and adjourn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

JOHN BRADLEY,	Perdue, Ala.
J. W. BULLARD,	Level Plains, Ala.
J. M. TALLY,	Daleville, Ala.
J. W. BROOKS,	Huggins, Ala.
A. J. BROOKS,	Huggins, Ala.
T. J. CLARK,	Halton, Ala.
D. WINDSOR,	Elton, Ala.
J. W. KENNINGTON,	Clintonville, Ala.

VISITING MINISTERS.

D. C. ALLEN,	Brundidge, Ala.
E. M. BROOKS,	Fresco, Ala.
C. L. EILANDS,	Bullock, Ala.
W. F. MARTIN,	DeFuniak, Fla.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF PEA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1893.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	By Voucher.	Dead.	Expelled.	Dism'd by Letter.	Total Mem'ship.	For Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Sabbath Schools.	Time of Meeting.
Bethlehem	J. W. Kennington.	Clintonville	A. J. Wise Jr.	Victoria	8	2	1	..	3	..	4	90	.50	....	....	..	..	1
Bethany	J. M. Tally	Dot	C. F. Floyd	Annie	14	6	3	..	..	..	..	50	1 00	....	....	..	1	..
Bluff Springs	J. D. Allen	Fresco	C. O. H. Martin	Rodney	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	54	2.00	....	....	..	..	..
Beulah	D. C. Allen	Brundidge	J. W. Holoway.	Cross Trails	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	11	1.25	....	....	..	..	4
Damascus	J. F. Register	Marl	J. D. Parkman.	Damascus	..	..	1	..	..	7	2	36	1.40	....	....	..	..	4
Fair View	D. Windsor	Alberton	F. L. Priest	Damascus	6	7	1	1	..	..	2	28	2.75	5.00	....	..	..	3
Hebron	J. D. Allen	Fresco	Z. R. Fuller	Perdue	9	6	..	..	..	..	..	69	1.00	....	....	..	..	4
Level Plains	J. W. Bullard	Level Plains	J. M. Bullard.	Level Plains	1	..	..	1	..	4	8	22	1.15	....	....	..	1	3
Mt. Pleasant, Cof'e	J. F. Register	Marl	J. L. Bailey.	Coffee Springs.	9	8	2	..	1	4	3	79	1.60	....	....	..	..	2
Mt. Pleasant, Cov.	D. Windsor	Alberton	J. H. Holoway.	Halton.	3	1	..	..	..	..	6	28	1.00	....	....	..	..	2
New Home	J. W. Bullard	Level Plains	Ed. Watson	....	1	..	..	..	..	2	5	58	1.20	....	....	..	..	1
New Providence	H. S. Nichols	Coffee Springs.	W. B. Haney	Elba	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	.50	1.00	2.00	..	1	..
New Ebenezer	W. F. Martin	DeFuniak, Fla.	W. H. Whaley.	Curtis	7	..	..	..	..	..	5	51	1.65	2.50	....	..	..	4
Piney Grove	J. W. Brooks	Huggins	S. W. Thomas.	Huggins	25	6	1	2	..	1	1	70	3.10	....	....	..	..	1
Pilgrim Rest	J. W. Brooks	Huggins	F. E. Bedsole	Cross Trails	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	39	1.50	....	....	..	..	2
Sardis	J. W. Brooks	Huggins	L.P.Geoghagan	Martha	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	52	2.00	2.20	....	..	..	4
Shiloh	D. Windsor	Alberton	C. O. Helms	Elba	2	7	..	..	..	2	..	24	1.00	2.00	....	..	..	1
Union Grove	J. W. Bullard	Level Plains	J. W. C. Pettus.	Clintonville	4	3	..	..	..	..	15	33	1.00	....	....	..	..	..
Woodland Grove.	John Bradley	Perdue	E. G. Brinson	Victoria	12	3	..	..	..	..	..	44	1.25	....	....	..	..	2
White Water	A. J. Brooks	Huggins	D. J. Williams.	Elba	..	2	..	..	..	3	3	53	1.60	....	....	..	..	..
Zion Chapel	J. D. Allen	Fresco	G. M. Fowler	Rodney	5	2	..	1	1	1	1	41	1.90	....	....	..	..	3